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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE SRV/UNFDAC PROJECT

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(D) 77 VIENTIANE 1605; (E) 77 GENEVA 10937

SUMMARY. THE ONLY RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING SUBJECT PROJECT RECEIVED UNTIL NOW BY UNFDAC HAVE COME FROM COORDINATOR FOR UN AID TO VIET-NAM. THE UNFDAC HAS RESPONDED TO THESE IN CAUTIOUS TERMS, INDICATING WILLINGNESS TO HELP WITH ADDICT TREATMENT AND NARCOTICS CONTROL TRAINING, AGREEING TO LOOK INTO REQUESTS IN OTHER AREAS AND IDENTIFYING AREAS OF APPROPRIATE DRUG CONTROL ACTIONS BY SRV.
END SUMMARY.

1. VISIT OF UNFDAC EVALUATION OFFICER FRED MACKENZIE TO VIENTIANE TO DISCUSS SUBJECT PROJECT (REPORTED REF C) WAS
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CANCELLED. REASON REPORTED WAS THAT SRV MISSION CANCELLED ITS PLANNED TRIP TO VIENTIANE AND INSISTED VICTOR UMBRICH, COORDINATOR FOR UN AID TO VIETNAM, COME TO HANOI. (HE HAD NOT WANTED TO DO THIS BECAUSE OF CURRENT UNRELIABLE SCHEDULING OF FLIGHTS TO AND FROM HANOI.)

2. DURING DISCUSSION WITH MISSION OFFICER JANUARY 15,

UNFDAC ACTING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WELLMAN STATED THE FOLLOWING CONCERNING RECENT UNFDAC/SRV CONTACTS:

3. IN RESPONSE TO REQUEST FROM MR. UMBRIGHT, THE DIVISION OF NARCOTIC DRUGS (DND) AUTHORIZED MR. ARNAUD, DIRECTOR, UN PROGRAM FOR DRUG ABUSE CONTROL IN LAOS, TO ACCOMPANY UMBRIGHT TO VIET-NAM FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF GATHERING INFORMATION ON THE DRUG ABUSE SITUATION THERE (REF E). THE ONLY PAPER THE UNFDAC HAS SEEN FROM ARNAUD AFTER THE VISIT IS AN ANALYSIS OF THE SRV ADDICTION SITUATION WHICH HE PREPARED FOR UMBRIGHT.

4. AFTER THE VISIT, UMBRIGHT SENT THE FUND A LETTER RECOMMENDING THAT IT CONSIDER ASSISTANCE TO SRV IN THREE AREAS: A. EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE IN ADDICTION TREATMENT, BASED ON SRV'S IDENTIFICATION OF DRUG ABUSE AS A FIRST PRIORITY PUBLIC HEALTH PROBLEM ON A LEVEL WITH PROSTITUTION AND TUBERCULOSIS; B. CROP REPLACEMENT AND C. DEVELOPING EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR FORMER ADDICTS.

5. IN A SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATION, UMBRIGHT TOLD WELLMAN THAT UMBRIGHT HAD COMMITTED UNFDAC TO PROVIDE SOME ASSISTANCE "BECAUSE I KNEW THAT IS WHAT YOU WOULD WANT TO DO". WELLMAN TOLD MISSION OFFICER THAT HE RESPONDED TO UMBRIGHT ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES, WHICH REFLECT THE TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR ABORTED MACKENZIE VISIT:
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A. TREATMENT. THE FUND MUST RESPOND TO SRV EMERGENCY REQUEST FOR ADDICT TREATMENT. IT IS THEREFORE WILLING TO WORK OUT A PROGRAM ALONG THE LINES OF THE WHO \$227,000 PROJECT, BUT IS NOT PREPARED TO COMMIT FUNDS NOR TO SET THE AMOUNT OF ITS FINANCIAL COMMITMENT UNTIL THE PROJECT HAS BEEN STUDIED AND CLARIFIED.

B. CROP SUBSTITUTION. WELLMAN TOLD UMBRIGHT THAT HE UNDERSTOOD THAT THERE WAS NO ILLICIT OPIUM CULTIVATION IN SOUTH VIET-NAM WHEN THE AMERICANS WERE THERE; THE ILLICIT DRUGS THEN UTILIZED WERE IMPORTED. WELLMAN EXPRESSED HIS OPINION, THEREFORE, THAT AN ILLICIT CULTIVATION PROBLEM APPROPRIATE FOR ATTACK BY A CROP SUBSTITUTION PROGRAM DID NOT EXIST IN SRV. HE SAID THAT IF OPIUM WERE BEING GROWN TO SUPPLY DOMESTIC ADDICTS, SUCH GROWTH WOULD BE LIKELY TO CEASE WHEN THE TREATMENT PROGRAM TOOK EFFECT AND THE DEMAND DROPPED. HE UNDERTOOK, HOWEVER, TO SEND A MISSION TO THE SRV TO INVESTIGATE THE SITUATION.

C. REHABILITATION. WELLMAN TOLD UMBRIGHT THAT ALL THE FUND COULD DO IN THIS FIELD WAS ASK ILO TO MAKE AN EXPERT AVAILABLE TO VISIT VIET-NAM AND DISCUSS THIS SUBJECT WITH VIETNAMESE.

D. NARCOTICS CONTROL TRAINING. WELLMAN SAID FUND WOULD

OFFER TRAINING TO NARCOTICS CONTROL OFFICIALS.

E. OTHER. WELLMAN STRESSED TO UMBRIGHT THAT THE FUND IS

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NOT IN THE ASSISTANCE BUSINESS, EXCEPT INSOFAR AS ASSIST-
ANCE IS RELATED TO SOLVING THE INTERNATIONAL DRUG ABUSE
PROBLEM. THE FUND WOULD THEREFORE WISH TO ENSURE THAT ANY
ASSISTANCE GIVEN IS REALISTIC, WILL BE USED FOR THE PUR-
POSES GIVEN, AND IS RELATED TO INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS
CONTROL. IN ADDITION, ANY MISSION TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE
ASSISTANCE WOULD ALSO WISH TO DISCUSS OTHER FUND CONCERNS,
SUCH AS ILLICIT TRAFFICKING IN VIET-NAM, SRV ACCESSION TO
THE DRUG CONTROL CONVENTIONS, DRUG LEGISLATION AND
NATIONAL POLICIES ON DRUG CONTROL. UMBRIGHT ADVISED WELL-
MAN NOT TO PRESS ON RATIFICATION OF THE DRUG CONTROL
TREATIES AT PRESENT BECAUSE SRV "HAS NO CAPABILITY TO
COMPLY". HE SUGGESTED INSTEAD THAT UNFDAC PRESS COOPERA-
TION WITH THE INTERNATIONAL CONTROL ORGANS (I.E.,
PROVIDING ESTIMATES AND ANNUAL REPORTS) WITH EVENTUAL
ADHERENCE TO THE TREATIES IN MIND.

6. COMMENT. WELLMAN STATED THAT UNFDAC HAD RECEIVED NO
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RECOMMENDATIONS FROM ARNAUD AND THAT THE FUND RESPONDED TO UMBRIGHT'S RECOMMENDATIONS AS STATED ABOVE. HE SAID THAT ARNAUD (WHO IS AN EMPLOYEE OF THE DIVISION OF NARCOTIC DRUGS DND BUT WHOSE POSITION IS FINANCED BY UNFDAC), WAS NOT AUTHORIZED TO DO ANYTHING IN VIEW-NAM EXCEPT COLLECT INFORMATION ON DRUG ADDICTION. WE DO NOT KNOW TO WHOM HE SENT HIS RECOMMENDATIONS DESCRIBED REF C (THE DND/LAOS PROJECT OFFICER HAS NOT RECEIVED THEM YET EITHER), BUT DOUBT IF THEY WILL HAVE MUCH IMPACT IF EVER RECEIVED AT UNFDAC, IN VIEW OF TENOR OF WELLMAN RESPONSE TO UMBRIGHT.

7. MISSION OFFICER CONVEYED TO WELLMAN USG CONCERNS DESCRIBED REF B. END COMMENT. SORENSON

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